

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
RELATING TO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY DUTIES  
FOR YEAR ENDED 1955.

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Section I- Staff.

Table A.

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.	Any Other Appointments held.
P.W.Maclagan.	Part time M.O.H.	27-4-1920	M.D.	Medical Supt., Isolation Hosp.
D.S.Halley.	Public Health Inspector.	16-5-1947	Sanitary Insp. Meat Insp. Certificates.	Shops Insp. Petroleum Insp.
John Johnson.	Clerk.	29-9-1938.	-	-

Address and Telephone No. of M.O.H.:— 111, Marygate, Berwick upon Tweed.  
 Telephone Nos. Berwick 232.  
 Berwick 6406.

Section II- Amount of Shipping entering district during the year.

Table B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Insp By M.O.H.	Number of Ships reported as having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
Foreign Ports	21	3,918	- 6	-
Coastwise.	45	8,681	-	-
Total	66	12,599	- 6	-

Section. III-Character of shipping and trade during year.

Table C.

<u>Passenger Traffic.</u>	{ Number of Passengers Inwards- One Number of Passengers outwards- Nil
<u>Cargo Traffic.</u>	{ Principal Imports:-Chemical fertilizers, Timber, Cement, Petroleum. Principal Exports:- Oats and Barley.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive-ANTWERP, HAMBERG, SKOGHALL, KEMI, MANTYLUOTO, LONDON, SALTEND(Hull)	

Section IV- Inland Barge Traffic.

NIL.

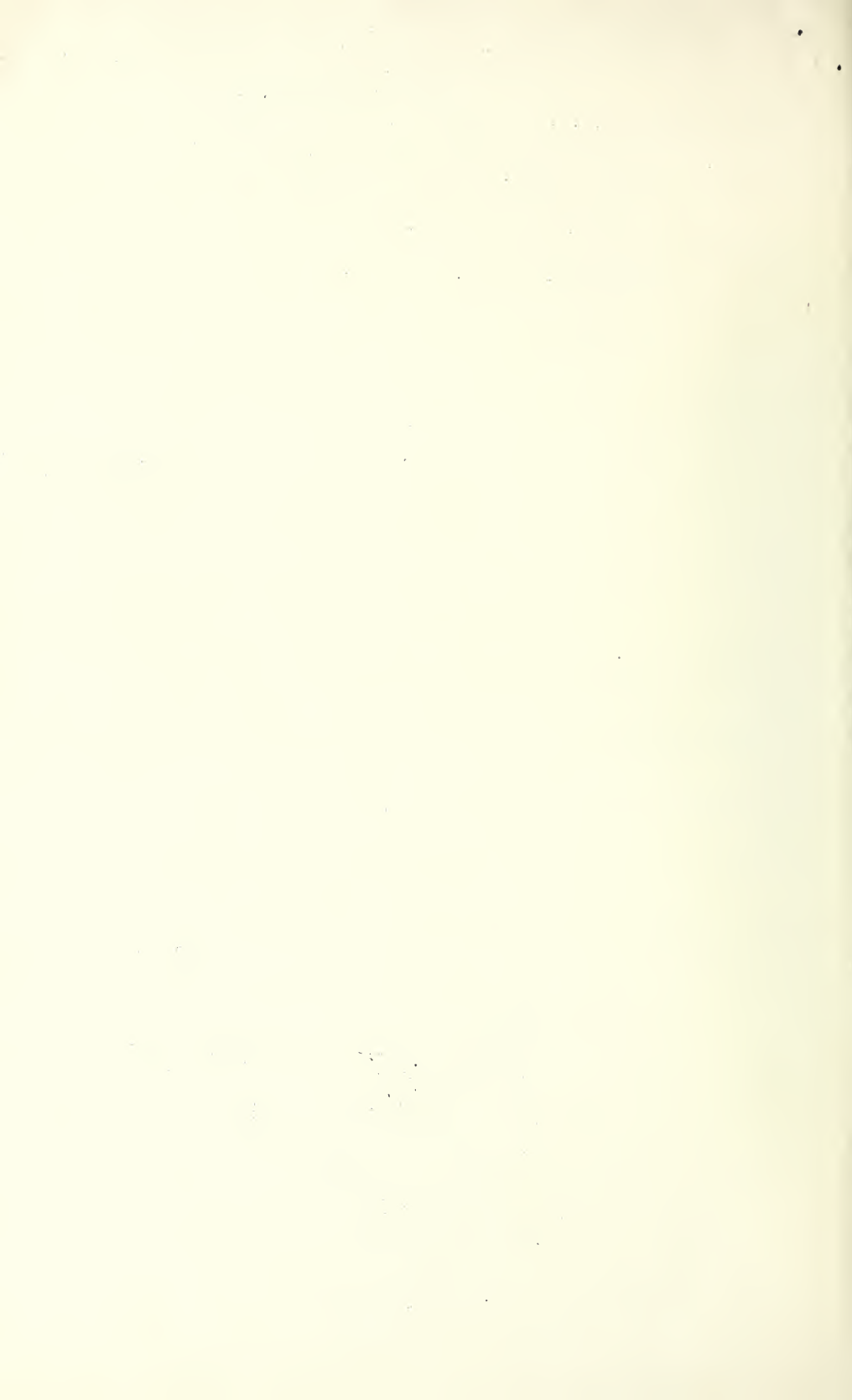
Section V.- Water Supply.

- (1) Source of supply for (a) district- Deep Wells.  
 (b) shipping-From Main Supply to Borough.
- (2) Regular sampling of Borough supply shows it to be of satisfactory Chemical and Bacteriological quality.
- (3) No particular precautions to prevent contamination of hydrants and hose-pipes considered necessary.
- (4) No water-boats are used in the Port. Water being supplied to ships direct by hydrant from the Borough Main.

Section VI. Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

- (1) The Weekly Record of Quarantinable Diseases is available to the Pilot and Customs Officer if required.
- (2) Arrangements exist with the Shipping Agents:-Messrs W.M.Lindsay, Ltd. to forward to the M.O.H any message concerning infectious disease received by radio prior to arrival of a ship.

continued:-



- (3) H.M. Customs Officer has agreed to forward to M.O.H any flag or morse signal concerning infectious disease.

(4) Mooring Stations:-

- (1) Anchorage outside Berwick Harbour (Outer Mooring)  
(2) Tweed Dock (Inner Mooring)

The following standing instructions have been issued regarding these Mooring Stations:-

- (I) Any ship with Cholera, Plague, Yellow Fever, Typhus or Small-pox on board shall proceed to the anchorage (1).
- (II) Where a ship whether foreign going or not arrives in Berwick from a foreign port and it appears in answer to questions or otherwise that
- (A) During the voyage or last 6 weeks of the voyage there has been on the ship a death from illness suspected to be any of the five above mentioned diseases she shall proceed to the appointed Mooring Station (Tweed Dock.) (2).
- (B) During the voyage or last 6 weeks of same plague has occurred or been suspected amongst rats or mice on the ship or sickness or death not attributable to poison or other methods of destruction has occurred amongst rats or mice on the ship, she shall proceed to her appropriate Mooring Station (Tweed Dock.) (2).
- (C) The ship has (1) called at a port or seaboard included in the weekly return of infected or suspected ports or sea-boards but reports "all well" during the voyage and arrives with no sickness on board, unless a written notice to the contrary has been delivered to the Customs Officer by or on behalf of the Medical Officer or (2) has on board a case of minor infectious disorder namely:- Chicken-pox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Enteric Fever, Pneumonia, Tuberculosis, Mumps, Cerebro-Spinal Fever, Erysipelas, Malaria or Dysentery, she will be permitted to proceed to her ordinary place of mooring, loading or discharge, and be granted modified pratique there, - the Medical Officer being informed.

- (5)(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious disease (other than Small-pox) - Marshall Meadows Isolation Hospital, North Road, Berwick upon Tweed.
- (b) Notification made to Area Medical Officer of Health of district to which contact is proceeding and arrangements made to notify if change of address of contact is pending or destination is uncertain.
- (c) Cleansing and disinfection would be carried out of ship cabins by spraying methods and clothing disinfected by fumigation at hospital. No steam disinfection available in Borough.

Section VII - Smallpox.


- (1) Hospital to which cases are sent:-

LANGLEY PARK HOSPITAL,  
LANGLEY PARK,  
Nr. DURHAM CITY.

- (2) Northumberland County Council Ambulances from Ambulance Centre, Berwick upon Tweed available.  
Vaccinal state of crews:- Last vaccinated 10-4-1952 and 1-4-1953  
part time driver awaiting vaccination.

- (3) Consultant:- Dr. W. Minns, County Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne. 1.

- (4) Laboratory diagnosis:- The Central Public Health Laboratory,  
Colindale Avenue, The Hyde, London, N.W.9.  
or Department of Bacteriology, University of Edinburgh, Teviot Row,  
EDINBURGH 8. ...



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Section VIII-Veneral Disease.

Diagnosis and treatment available at WARD 34, GENERAL HOSPITAL,  
WESTGATE ROAD,NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

Monday to Friday 9.30.a.m.-12 noon, 2.p.m.-7.p.m  
Saturday 9.30.a.m.- 1.p.m.

Section IX- Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

Table D.

No cases of infectious disease occurred on ships  
during the year.

Section X-Observations on the occurrence of Malaria on ships.

No cases of Malaria were noted as occurring on ships.

Section XI-Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected  
for Plague.

There were no ships in port infected or suspected for Plague.

Section XII-Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

- (1) Although not a "designated approved port" De-ratting Certificates are examined and by visual inspection of stores, galley, crews quarters and hold, the extent, if any, of rodent infestation is ascertained.
- (2) Bacteriological and pathological examinations of rats for Plague can be carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, General Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne.

No rats were sent for examination during the year.

- (3) No arrangements are made for de-ratting ships. If Certificates are required ships are diverted to a designated approved port and the Port Health Authority notified.
- (4) No action was taken concerning the rat proofing of ships during the year.

Table E.

No rats were destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports, there being no evidence of rat infestations on any ships entering Berwick Harbour.

Table F.

As Berwick is not a designated approved Port this Section regarding De-ratting Certificates does not apply.

Section XIII - Inspection of ships for Nuisances.

During the six inspections made to ships in the Port no nuisances were recorded.

Section XIV.-Public Health(Shell-fish)Regulations 1934-1948.

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Borough.

Section XV- Medical Inspection of Aliens.

This section is not applicable to Berwick upon Tweed.

Section XVI- Miscellaneous.

The Mortuary at the Infirmary, Berwick upon Tweed is available for persons dying on board ship and post mortem examinations can be carried out at the mortuary if necessary. There are two cemeteries in the Borough where interments can be made.

*By mail*

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Office,  
Wallace Green,  
Berwick upon Tweed.

10th September, 1956.

